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1. The storage hall of the Strausberg (N 53/V 15) Air Force Depot was divided into two sections. Shelves for air frame parts were in the first section and complete power plants in the second section where engine accessories were also stored on shelves behind a glass partition.

2. The following engines were seen:

19 engines covered with tarpaulins bearing the inscription BMW 801. (1)
 51 in-line engines, designated PD-45. They were parked in crates which were about the size of the Jumo-213 engine. (2)
 3½ radial engines designated M-11
 13 engines, designated AM-82
 25 in-line engines, designated AM-42. They arrived about 17 September 1950.
 6 in-line engines with the Russian letters APTEPA-42
 an undetermined number of in-line engines which were slightly smaller than the others that were observed. (3)

3. Engines packed in crates, each about 5 to 6 meters long, were unloaded from eight railroad cars on 17 September 1950. The crates had not been unpacked on 19 September 1950. (4)

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5. Almost all types of aircraft equipment and spare parts except wings, fuselages, and rudder assemblies were stored in the depot. A power plant repair shop was also in the depot. An engine test stand was not seen.

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[] Comments.

- (1) The engines are believed to be radial engines which were covered with old tarpaulins of BMW-801 engines. The information that such tarpaulins were used does not prove that the engines were actually old BMW engines or duplicates of such.
- (2) The designation, reported for the first time, is believed credible. A PW previously reported from Kuibyshev that an improved version of the AM-42, an MR-45, was developed there. The same engine was previously reported as AM-45. [] Although the differences between the engines are not known, it is believed that the Soviets have an improved version of the AM-42, the designation of which is possibly MR-45.
- (3) Presumably M-105 R engine for Fe-2 aircraft.
- (4) The length of the crate appears too large for turbo power plants. Other parts were possibly packed in the crates.
- (5) It is particularly interesting that the Soviets have special preservatives. A preservative of type F-53 for a 6-month duration is not known. The designation cannot be explained since [] gasolines, oils, and lubricants were identified []

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